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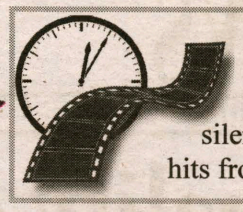

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Hamilton stands with Boston

PHOTO BY SARA MEISSNER '13

The Spectator *would like to pay homage to those affected by the bombings at Monday's Boston Marathon. Given the number of students who are from the Boston area, or who may have known someone at the race, the editorial staff asked members of the College for their responses to the bombings. We are publishing every statement we received.*

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If you're from Massachusetts, you might know how I felt on the morning of April 15th. I wanted to wake up to the sound of drums on the Lexington Battle Green. I wanted to watch the Patriots' Day Parade march past my street. I wanted to cheer for my dad as he ran toward Heartbreak Hill around mile 16 of the Boston Marathon. I wanted to be home.

At 9 AM I texted my dad to wish him good luck, and told him to "have fun chasing the Redcoats." This was his 49th marathon, so I had no doubts about his safety.

At 1:45 I got a text from my sister saying that he finished the race with a time of 3:22:50.

An hour and a half later she texted again: "there were two huge explosions right near the finish line of the Boston marathon. Dad is safe but this is really scary."

And then, from the middle of the library, I sat in front of my laptop and watched my city explode. I've traveled across oceans, but never have I felt so far from my home and my family as I did that day.

I managed to hold myself together until my dad called me. "I just wanted to talk to you," he said, voice shaking. "I love you."

I lost it. I couldn't stop thinking about how close I'd come to not hearing those words, to never seeing his number appear on my phone again. The realization of how lucky I was struck me with the force of a bomb.

The texts and Facebook messages flooded in from friends and family: Are you ok? Is your family safe? Yes we're fine, thank you so much for the concern. Sending you all of our love.

It's been surreal to see the whole country stand in support of me, my family, my city. While thankfully no one I know was hurt in the attack, it felt so personal and so close to home that I took all the stories of love and kindness just as personally. There are lists on the internet of everything people did to help one another in the aftermath; messages of care and concern dominated my newsfeed.

My friend in New Zealand, whose son goes to Harvard, asked "who would do something so awful?" I told her that whoever it was, they only proved that the human capacity for kindness is so much larger than the capacity for violence.

—Allie Kerper '15

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My younger brother, cousins on one side of my family, and my girlfriend's family currently live in the Boston area and some were at the Marathon. Thankfully everyone I knew who was at the Marathon was unscathed. However they did share my sentiment that the Bombings were indicative of the disturbing place our nation and world is currently in, where unprecedented violent acts in the public realm seem more commonplace than ever. Yet despite the aforementioned sentence, I remain optimistic that most people yearn to do right in the face of our inherent imperfections.

—Jason Ross '14

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Since I grew up in Lexington, Mass., I always get a little nostalgic on Patriots' Day. This year, hearing about the Boston Marathon bombings shocked and saddened me... It was REALLY scary learning that one of my close friends had crossed the finish line just 50 seconds before the first bomb went off. This violent act should not overshadow the remarkable accomplishments of the marathon runners and the joy, pride and happiness that usually characterize the Patriots' Day I know and love. The only silver lining throughout this is the outpouring of support for the Boston community.

—Alex Orlov '13

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The Boston Marathon was the most patriotic event that I have ever been a part of. While I was running, it was incredible to see families and friends cheering together, handing out drinks and yelling words of encouragement in support of the runners from many countries. The unity of the crowd throughout the 26.2 miles inspired me to keep running. I am devastated by the act of violence that tainted the event but I am inspired by the caring and thoughtfulness, both during the race and the ensuing crisis, of so many individuals that I witnessed.

—Fiona Hoffman-Harland '13

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Boston is my home and on Monday April 15, 2013 everything changed. Whoever did this, violated something I love. I can feel better knowing there is support. I can feel better knowing that right now, Boston is everyone's home.

—Hannah Coffin '14

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John 15:33 "Jesus answered. 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."" Thoughts and prayers to all affected by the Boston Marathon bombings.

—Hunter Dansin '16

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Being from Boston, I never expected to hear of something like this in my lifetime. As my father put it, "Things like this never happen in Boston. New York or Washington, maybe, but never Boston. I mean, it's Boston." I can't begin to describe the thoughts that ran through my mind when I received the phone call from my mother detailing the events. It's hard to fathom that someone would commit such an act of terror, especially on a day of festivities. Those from Boston understand how special the Marathon is, but now it will forever be marred by tragedy. I was so proud to hear of runners abandoning their Marathons in order to help those impacted by the bombings. We, as a city, will not succumb to acts of violence designed to evoke fear; we will stand up and fight them together in unity.

—Alycia Racicot '16

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My twin sister was running for the Tufts Marathon team when it happened. For the past two weeks she had been complaining about pain in her knee but she still wanted very badly to run. She ended up compromising and simply running the marathon at a reduced speed.

After I heard the news I tried calling her and my parents who were there at the race. After several failed attempts (the cell service was jammed to prevent remote detonations), I was finally able to talk to her. She said she was around the 24th mile when people started telling the runners to turn around; if she had run the marathon at a quicker speed, she might have been in more danger.

Meanwhile my parents were waiting at the finish line when it happened and were approximately half a block from the explosion. My mom said it sounded like a cannon and she could feel tremor as well as see the smoke rising from the site. Thankfully my parents and my sister were safely reunited soon after the blasts.

—Rob Evans '14

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—Hannah Coffin '14

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Mark Snickenberger, Hamilton College Class of 2011, was unfortunately one of the innocent victims of yesterday's bombings. Mark injured his leg in the bomb blast but is expected to make a full recovery. While at Hamilton "Snick" was a proud member of the football team (he currently has the school record for touchdowns in a game) as well as the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

—Eric Boole '13,
Mike MacDonald '13

Jacobs discusses the legality of gun control

by Alex Orlov '13
News Contributor

On Monday afternoon, an attentive audience in the Red Pit listened as NYU Law Professor Jim Jacobs gave an engaging lecture titled "Gun Control: Can It Work?" Funded by the Security Program of the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, the lecture was well attended by professors, students and community members.

After being introduced by Professor Anecherico, Jacobs, the Warren E. Burger professor of law and director of the Center for Research in Crime and Justice at NYU School of Law, launched into a discussion of the constitutionality of gun control measures.

Electing to field questions as though in a press conference, Jacobs quickly transitioned from topic to topic and also posed questions of his own to the audience.

"How do you know you want to ban it if you don't know what it is?" Jacobs asked, after taking a poll of how many people knew what an assault rifle is. During the lecture, Jacobs peppered his remarks with statistics and facts about gun control laws in the United States.

The talk touched upon the following topics and more: clauses that grandfather in weapons currently held by citizens, the New York Safe Act, background checks, policy tensions between HIPAA laws and background checks, the variety in gun culture across the U.S. and what it means to keep guns out of the hands of "irresponsible people."

Jacobs encouraged the audience to distinguish the legality of gun control from questions pertaining to political science. He expressed the belief that the constitutional right to bear arms should be kept "right front and center," and noted "there aren't that many constitutional rights in the Bill of Rights." Compared to the last 50 years, concluded Jacobs, "we are at a low level with gun violence without reducing the number of firearms in private hands."

Jacobs's lecture left Hamilton Democrats President Will Rusche '13 disappointed, and Rusche found Jacobs' emphasis on the grandfather clauses and the sheer number of guns in the country to be "short-sighted." "We've really only had a few Supreme Court cases on gun control," said Rusche. "I just don't think it's been fully addressed yet," noting that a lack of a perfect solution is no excuse for inaction. He also remarked that the Second Amendment should be scrutinized just as the First Amendment has, alluding to laws regarding libel and defamation.

On the other hand, Hamilton Republicans member Pat Bedard '14 echoed Jacobs's confidence in the Second Amendment.

"The very purpose of a constitution is to enshrine values that future generations may forget the significance of," he said. "The fact that the right to keep and bear arms was thought to be so important by this country's founders and citizens that it was placed in our bill of rights has a significance that should not be overlooked."

Bedard noted that the large audience at the lecture and at the gun control debate between the College Democrats and Republicans is "a testament to the importance of this issue." However, he expressed the belief that the "larger issue of mental health services" is not receiving adequate attention.

While Jacobs focused specifically on the legality of gun control issues, the issue of gun control had more political implications later in the week. On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate voted 54-46 to reject a motion to move forward on the most recent proposed gun saftey measures.

The votes against the proposal came mostly from conservative Republican and pro-gun Democrats. Four Republicans voted for the legislation, while five Democrats voted against it. This marks a significant setback for gun control measures.

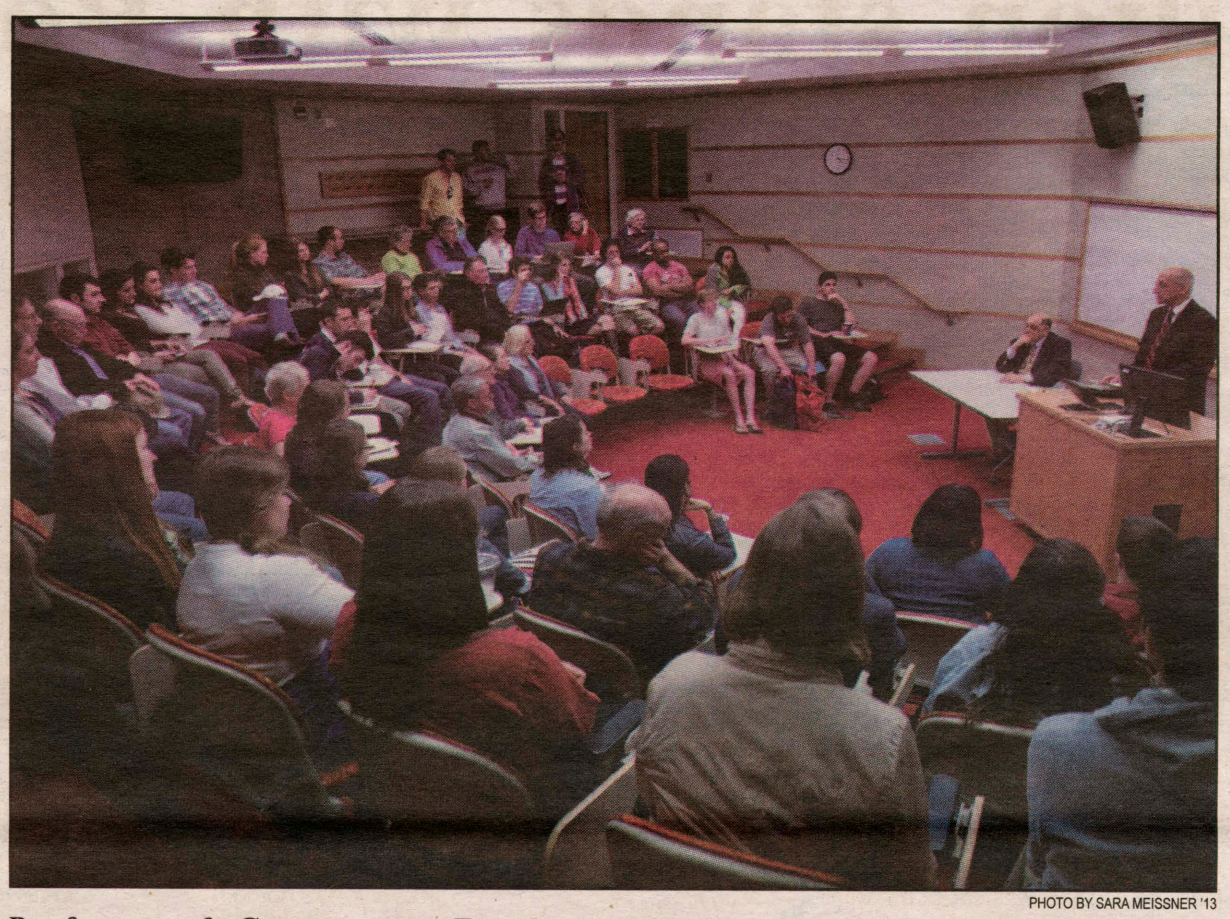

PHOTO BY SARA MEISSNER '13

Professor of Government Frank Anecherico introduces New York University Law Professor Jim Jacobs prior to his talk on gun control.

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency and draw attention to students' dangerous and destructive behaviors, *The Spectator* will publish a selection of the Campus Safety Incident Report each week. Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion regarding what is published.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

6:19 p.m.	Area Check – Carnegie Residence Hall
10:48 p.m.	Concern for Welfare – Milbank Hall
11:40 p.m.	Multiple Alarm Activation – South Campus
11:49 p.m.	Fire Alarm Activation – Burke Library

Friday, April 12, 2013

3:22 a.m.	Suspicious Activity – Couper Hall
5:17 p.m.	Vehicle and Traffic Complaint – College Hill Road
5:20 p.m.	Criminal Mischief – Root Extension Parking Lot

Saturday, April 6, 2013

12:11 a.m.	Marijuana Complaint – Milbank Hall
12:15 a.m.	Noise Complaint – Milbank Hall
1:15 a.m.	Fire Alarm Activation – 3994 Campus Road
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2:14 a.m.	Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
2:41 a.m.	Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
4:37 a.m.	Mechanical Issue – Beinecke Village
3:05 p.m.	Smoking Complaint – Babbitt Hall Exterior
3:49 p.m.	Mechanical Issue – 100 College Hill Road
7:52 p.m.	Mechanical Issue – Beinecke Village
8:48 p.m.	Violation of Alcohol Policy – Rogers Estate
10:46 p.m.	Fire Alarm Activation – Bundy East Residence
11:03 p.m.	Mechanical Issue – Howard Diner

Awareness week gives sexual assault a voice

by Shannon O'Brien '15
News Writer

The t-shirts hanging in KJ atrium this week communicate clear messages to the Hamilton community: "Consent is not optional," "Rape happens at Hamilton," "My slutty dress does not mean yes," "Consent is not the absence of no." Sexual Assault Awareness Week aims to bring attention to the fact that sexual assault occurs at Hamilton College, and that there are resources available for students seeking help in the aftermath of sexual assault.

The week is sponsored by Hamilton SAVES (Sexual Assault Violence Education and Support), a group of students who work to educate others about sexual assault policy and investigation and provide counseling services for students who have experienced sexual assault.

Previously run as a joint venture between staff members and students, SAVES became fully student-run a couple of years ago. SAVES co-chair Samantha Sokoloff '13 explained that "there was a feeling on campus that more needed to be done in response to sexual assault at Hamilton" after a student reported an incident, leading to a trial and then hearing, which was "the first hearing the school had done in years." Sokoloff noted, "There were many things about the reporting, investigation, and hearing process that we found unsatisfactory," and that the absence of reports at Hamilton was disturbing.

The student body responded to this hearing by hosting a Take Back the Night and Speak Out event in the Glen House. Sokoloff recalled that the Glen House was packed as "brave survivors told their stories of being sexual assaulted, and ideas were brain stormed for action."

Students then formed a new club called Students Against Sexual Assault, which eventually combined with SAVES. Today, SAVES is completely student-run, making it an organization in which students themselves are the educators and supporters of fellow students.

To raise awareness and educate students, SAVES has organized a Peer Advocate program, which Sokoloff said "aims to educate members of the student body about Hamilton's sexual assault policies, reporting, investigation and hearing processes."

The Peer Advocate program also presents students with other resources for support, such as Hamilton's Counseling Center, the Chaplaincy and the YWCA in Utica.

Participants in the Peer Advocate program are instructed in sensitivity training. Sokoloff explained, "We train peer advocates about some of the best practices when talking with a survivor, and try to help peer advocates understand the emotional side of helping a survivor." SAVES also works with Meredith Harper Bonham, Hamilton's Title IX coordinator, to inform students about the sexual misconduct policy specific to Hamilton. SAVES has hosted two rounds of training this year, and the group hopes to continue offering the program at least once a semester.

Commenting on the effectiveness of the program, co-chair JJ Liebow '13 said, "We've had over 30 students trained and have really spread the knowledge of how to help survivors." While the training sessions have been successful, SAVES continues to set the bar high. "The goal is that we will train enough members of the Hamilton Community about these issues that any survivor of assault will have someone they know who is peer advocate trained who can help them access resources, or report the assault or harassment if they choose to," said Sokoloff.

Besides offering the Peer Advocate program, SAVES has taken steps to spreading awareness around campus through the sexual misconduct policy posters in the bathroom. The group also attended a conference called "Consent Fest" at Williams College earlier in the semester.

"If more people on this campus understand the way that assaults harm communities as a whole, we'll go a long way in addressing the problem," Liebow explained.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week hopes to bring attention to the fact that Hamilton's campus is not immune to sexual assault. SAVES sponsored a t-shirt decorating event for their Clothesline Project in KJ atrium, and on Friday, student athletes will gather in front of Commons to read the accounts of people who have been sexually assaulted.

Regarding Hamilton's policy and actions toward the issue of sexual assault, Sokoloff said, "I think that Hamilton's students, faculty and administration have made great strides in combating sexual assault. That being said, sexual assault still happens at Hamilton. Bringing awareness to this is definitely a step in the right direction, and that is one of the things that Sexual Assault Awareness Week aims to do."

Inzer on 'Today'

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
News Editor

The arrival of anxious high school students to the Hill in the spring is a reminder to all Hamilton students that they too were once wrapped up in the stressful college admissions process. Though most who have experienced the uncertainty that goes hand in hand withclaim to have hated every second of it, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer considers the experience to be "an important right of passage."

During her appearance on the "Today Show" on Thursday, April 11, Inzer conveyed this message and, with the assistance of Arizona State University Executive Director of Admission David Burge and University of Michigan Undergraduate Admissions Director Ted Spencer, emphasized that while the admission process may be difficult, the end result will ultimately be worth the effort of finding the right college.

In the question-and-answer segment moderated by "Today Show" co-host Matt Lauer, Inzer, Burge and Spencer discussed their views on topics including financial aid, selecting the right school and handling waitlists. Inzer shared her advice during similar appearances on the "Today Show" both last April with Spencer and on January 20, when she talked about financial aid with former *New York Times* editor Jacques Steinberg. Throughout the short interview, Inzer and her fellow guests sought to provide college applicants with optimism and insight into the decision-making process. Specifically, the deans emphasized that rejected and waitlisted students should reflect upon the positives of the schools they have been accepted to rather than dwelling upon their disappointment. They also encouraged students and their families to research schools thoroughly before making a final decision about which schools to attend.

"Everyone wants to sensationalize [the admissions process]. They want to ... trivialize it. I really don't want to be a part of that ... I want [applicants] to know how much we care ... I want to humanize it," Inzer said.

This level of consideration is clearly applied in the Hamilton College Office of Admission. This year, the College admitted fewer applicants, tying its record-low acceptance rate from 1982. Inzer said, "They are better admits, so that is why we went fewer. We want them, they want us ... we spent more time thinking about fit." While it is true that Hamilton College also received fewer applications than last year—90 fewer, to be specific—Inzer insists, "our yield is going up." Despite the decrease of applicants from the Northeast, the region from which most students come, there was a noticeable increase of applicants from California, Florida and Texas.

The College's Office of Admission is highly optimistic for the prospective students making up the Class of 2017. The Open House on Monday, April 15 was host to 752 visitors, 348 of of whom were admitted students. This was a record-high attendance, despite the record-low number of admitted students. Dean Inzer reads this as a significant, positive sign for Hamilton's future: Clearly, new students are learning about and falling in love with the College across the nation.

Even as Hamilton waits for decisions to roll in by the beginning of May, the entire Hamilton community can express pride in its past, present and future.

Student Assembly Update

by Emily Moore '15
Production Editor

The Future of the Alcohol and Controlled Substances Committee

In recent weeks, Student Assembly has been discussing disbanding the Alcohol and Controlled Substances Committee, and reforming it into a Committee on Health and Safety. It seems that Alcohol and Controlled Substances does not have enough business to keep them busy, and would better serve the campus addressing a wide variety of student health issues. This committee would be able to host events like blood drives, and partner with on-campus offices to offer programs such as CPR training. Student Assembly is currently looking into whether Alcohol and Controlled Substances is an ad hoc committee, and can be dissolved now that its purpose is fulfilled, or whether its purpose has to be expanded and its name changed.

There will be a full discussion on this subject next week.

Colgate Debacle Being Resolved

Student Assembly President Anthony Jackson '15 was able to speak to Colgate SGA president Matt Ford '13 about the article regarding Hamilton College that was recently published in *The Colgate Maroon-News*. He was able to clear up the misconceptions that appeared in the article. The letter authorized by members of CAB which ran in last week's issue of *The Spectator* will also appear in the *Maroon-News*, as will a clarifying article.

Class of 2016

Lia Parker-Belfer

My name is Lia Parker-Belfer and I am running for re-election as your Class President! As your current Class President I have learned how our student government functions and how to initiate action and make change. I spent this past year working closely with Philanthropy committee and Student Interests Committee to help promote campus involvement in community service and improve daily life. I am currently working with HEAG to help make our campus greener through the increased use of reusable water bottles. If re-elected I will continue to work with you and for you. Re-elect me because I truly care about our class and our community. I strive for excellence in all that I do and I want to continue doing the same for the class of 2016. Vote LIA PARKER-BELFER! Thank you!

Thomas Topp

I'm interested in running for President because I would like to get to know the Class of 2016 better and want to be able to do something constructive, not only for our class, but also for Hamilton. I served on student government for three years in High School and have worked with students and faculty to plan things from large events like prom, to small fundraisers like bake sales. I was also Captain of my House senior year and have a lot of experience working with students in different grades and from different backgrounds. At Hamilton, I'm treasurer of Active Minds, a member of the men's rugby team, and a HAVOC volunteer. I'm a friendly guy so if you see me on campus, don't be afraid to say hi!

Rachel Pollan

Hi! My name is Rachel Pollan, and I would like to be your Class of 2016 President. During my past year as your freshman class representative, I was co-chair of the Student Interests Committee. I brought you the umbrella share program, helped implement free coffee Sundays, and am currently planning an exciting event for Class and Charter Day. I am an active member of the Food Committee and Social Traditions. I am enthusiastic, organized, and I want to share your interests and voice your concerns. Please vote for me so I may have the opportunity to represent you. Thanks!

Laura Rivera

My name is Laura Rivera; I am interested in being Class President, I want to help be a part of a happy and well-heard class. I genuinely know most of the students in my year, and I am a part of what's going on. I want to be one of the faces that get things done. I like people, why not try this right? I was class president all four years of high school, I had a great time, and I thought I'd be interested in running for my sophomore year. Thanks for reading, good luck to everyone else running.

Ryan Ong

My name is Ryan Ong and I am interested in running for the position of Class of 2016 Treasurer/Secretary. Throughout high school I have been active with student government and I believe I can be an asset to Student Assembly Funding. I apply my leadership, team building, and communication skills that I learned as class president to the college's community and the two student committees I am in: Philanthropy and Cultural Affairs. Currently, I hold a class representative position in Student Assembly. Also, just this semester, I was appointed as co-chair of Cultural Affairs Committee. The committee, my other co-chair, and I are in the process of planning the first NYC Day Trip. I am confident that I have the ability and determination to be an effective Class of 2016 Treasurer.

Jordan Zeng

Hi, I am Jordan Zeng. Thank you to everyone who supported me last year. It's been a great honor to serve as the Class Treasurer/Secretary for the Class of 2016! Throughout this past year, three fellow treasurers and I have worked hard on making sure that every student club/organization gets a fair share from the funding pool. Although funding went empty near the end of the school year, it's not an unusual phenomenon, as we try our best to ensure all student activities get funded. I hope to continue to fight for all of you this upcoming year!

Class of 2014

Samuel Wagner

In third grade I was voted class president and that year I accidentally killed the class goldfish. Last year, as class president, I didn't kill anything. That's improvement you can trust. I am not perfect and neither is Hamilton but if you allow us to continue to work together, both of us will be by the end of next year. Vote for Sam Wagner for 2014 Class President. It's all I've got.

Felipe Garcia

I consider the Class of 2014 to be my extended family away from home. I have worked diligently to represent 2014 for 3 years, and I am now ready to step up to the plate. As the chair of the Food Committee since freshmen year, I managed to bring back, curly fries, equivalency night, and introduce milkshakes at the Diner! If I were to be President, I will continue to make great strides for our class. Next year's plans are going to be even bigger and better. Vote Felipe— your brother from another mother!

Isaac Handley-Miner

After serving as the Class of 2014 Treasurer for one semester and the Central Council Treasurer for two semesters, I have a lot of experience with the inner workings of Student Assembly and the funding process. As a result, I will be able to make valuable contributions to next year's funding decisions as well as work to improve the existing funding procedures. Specifically, I hope to simplify the budget proposal process for club leaders, create a short and simple guide for completing budget proposals, explore increasing the club sport allocation, and ensure that we provide sufficient funding for Hamilton's most popular events.

Class of 2015

Jose Vasquez

In two years on Student Assembly, it has been an honor to serve the Class of 2015 and I want to continue this responsibility. Over this past year, I have co-founded and carried out projects through the Philanthropy Committee (HamGive) and taken part in various discussions to improve the efficiency of Student Assembly. As Class President, I seek to increase communication between representatives and students and throw a class-wide event for Fall 2013. As President, I plan to reach out to organizations and assure that they have their questions answered on Student Assembly and budgeting functions.

Teresa Viteri

Hello incoming and future junior class of 2015. My name is Teresa and I am a sophomore just like you striving to make our time at Hamilton that much better. As a recipient of the Posse leadership scholarship, I am willing to put my leadership skills to the test. I've been proud to serve as your treasurer for our freshman and sophomore year and I look forward to working with our student body team and continue building on our successes. I promise to inform you of the allocation of the money and incorporate your decisions in student assembly meetings while making you feel vital to the class. After mastering the fundamentals of funding, I am eager to continue as your junior class treasurer; vote Terry Viteri for secretary/treasurer of the class of 2015.

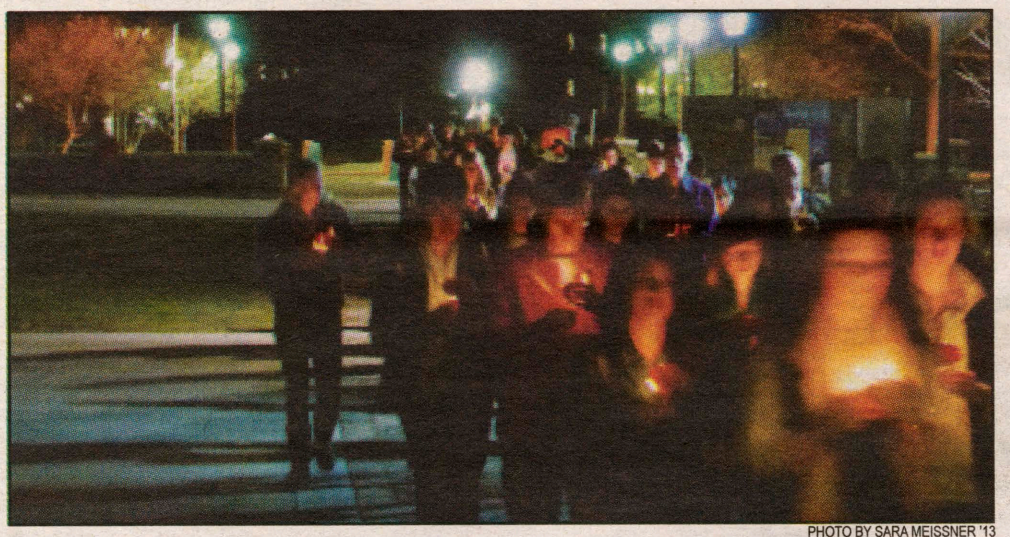
In light of Monday's events

After two bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon on Monday, killing three and wounding at least 144, our country was put at a loss for words. The worst terror attack in the U.S. since September 11, 2001, this tragedy feels impossible for anyone--from those personally affected to those professionally responding--to explain.

If Hamiltonians are said to live in "a bubble" on the Hill, a tragedy like this, which shakes our nation to its core, breaks that illusion and rubs soap in all of our eyes. Multiple members of the College community--students, alumni and at least one employee--participated in the race. Thankfully, none were seriously harmed, however one alumnus was injured near the finish line and was recently released from the hospital. The common joke on campus that half of our students are "from just outside Boston" suddenly feels heartbreaking rather than humorous.

Last night, the College held a candlelit vigil to honor those affected by the tragedy. Students gathered outside the Chapel at 10 p.m. and walked to the Kirner-Johnson Circle in complete silence. In times like these, as news networks recycle horrifying clips, images of victims and every shard of information available, silence seems to speak louder--and more respectfully--than words.

Accordingly, we will keep this editorial short. We believe that we can vouch for the campus when we say, all Hamiltonians stand for Boston, especially those who were at the Marathon, those who are from "just outside the city" and those who have personal connections to the event. What happened on Monday is unspeakable, but we have faith that the city will rise even stronger, as was the case with New York City in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. When one of our communities is knocked down, the rest of the country is there to help lift it up. Likewise, for anyone suffering from the tragedy on the Hill, all Hamiltonians are by your side.



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When the CAB members rushed on to the stage at the end of the Walk the Moon concert to exclaim that we had secured Macklemore for the Class and Charter Concert, images of the unique day started to run through my head. It was just then, with all the hype of the concert in my face, that I began to contemplate the original purpose of Hamilton's sacred day. When the Administration convened to decide upon the schedule for the 2012-2013 academic year, they aimed to accentuate the day's main purpose, which is—according to them—to laud members of our community for various achievements.

Their ultimate product was a result of the desires to celebrate Martin Luther King Day and to modify Hamilton's cherished tradition. Ultimately, these changes to Class and Charter Day will result in a few interesting consequences which will affect the campus population. The weekend after the concert is likely to be rather calm, the awards ceremony will be highlighted because of its separation from the concert and many students might be forced to find alternate ways to leave campus.

For whatever reason, drinking is a well-known pastime on our campus. The changes, which move the award ceremony to Monday, render Friday a full day of class and push the concert to the evening, will likely take the wind out of many students' sails. The convenient party rhythm of early wake-up, midday concert and evening crash that the day usually fosters, and in which many students usually prosper, is disrupted by these Friday classes. In addition, the weekend following the Class and Charter Concert will likely be designated for studying for finals. Traditionally, with Friday being the last day of classes, many students have seen the weekend as an opportunity to extend the celebration. However, given that we have a full day of class on Monday, the weekend after the concert is transformed into any other Hamilton weekend. This certainly may have been the Administration's sneaky way of toning down the party. In fact, if students were to continue the party into this year's Class and Charter weekend, it might be rather difficult to recover and study for Wednesday night's exams. Students therefore have every incentive to use the weekend to their advantage and get a head start. Then again, this might not be the only academic move that the schedule fosters.

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Patrick Reynolds and Nancy Thompson help honor both deserving students and the true purpose of Class and Charter Day at last year's awards ceremony.

Separating the two big events of the weekend, the concert and the awards ceremony, will definitely bring attention to our students' achievements. The ceremony has long been overshadowed by the concert, which, for one reason or another, students have clearly prioritized in the past. With over 140 students receiving awards in last year's ceremony, the event is important to a large portion of our campus and deserves to be recognized.

I look forward to a Class and Charter Day where the campus is buzzing with congratulations and pride. While not everyone may choose to partake in the concert festivities, certainly everyone can take an interest in the awards ceremony. Many complain about the changes to the schedule, but preserving the sanctity of the awards ceremony could prove to be an important decision in uniting our campus.

Unfortunately, there are some effects that will displace many students. By extending the final exam schedule to Sunday, the Administration has made it difficult for a number of students to move out. Those with working parents and without cars will find it very difficult to get home. There are few solutions to this problem, other than requiring parents to take vacation or students to find storage for the summer—two burdensome measures. For these reasons alone, I argue that the schedule needs reconsideration.

This year will serve as an interesting experiment for how these changes affect Hamilton's all-important weekend. I foresee both benefits and disadvantages to how we celebrate Class and Charter Day, which might result in future tweaks to the schedule.

I hope that the the Administration will eventually find the right balance between academic and traditional Hamiltonian celebrations that will please the entire campus.

Thumbs Up

Michelle Alexander lectures on *The New Jim Crow*: Maybe it'll make you think next time you scream "This place is a prison!" when Chair Massage Tuesday is cancelled.

Living with Things Lecture: From what we gather, Ian Bogost will be talking about stuff.

Mainstage Production of "The Marriage of Bette and Boo": Go with the girls to see a show about marriage if you're just soooooooo sick of the Hamilton hookup culture.

Thumbs Down

Blocking Lottery Anxiety: Pressureless alternatives include KJ Team Room with a hot plate, under the hot food buffet in Commons and nestled inside the Kirkland display case.

Free 2012 Yearbooks available: Travel back to a simpler time to when iPads were a normal size and stir-fry still existed.

Accepted Students Day: Confirmation that Monica Inzer is God; she controls the weather.

Who Cares?

Submit your questions for the Great Names Speakers: "Can I have internship?" does not count.

Student Assembly to bring four times more puppies to campus: Meanwhile, we have one chair for every four students in KJ.

4/20 is Glen Appreciation Day: Glen's a cool guy, and we're glad he's getting recognition, but he's got some shady habits.

by Wynn Van Dusen '15 and Claire Carusillo '13

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A fast and easy way to raise money

by Emma Laperruque '14
Features Editor

Admittedly, I ignore most, if not all of the emails that I receive from the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). (It's of those automatic-delete situations, like "Chair Massage Tuesday" and "Please Read: Tuition Bill Available.") In my mind, what relevance could the IVCF have for someone who was raised Jewish, became Agnostic a year after her Bat Mitzvah and has since started studying Buddhism? In other words, what relevance could the IVCF have for anyone who's not a Christian? And then, a flyer in Commons caught my attention, and challenged my skepticism: "Come eat Minar with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship! IVCF is hosting a fast to benefit the Thea Bowman House!"

As if they had to underline "Minar" to lure people in. The mention of free Indian food was *more* than enough to grab any Hamiltonian's attention, and the mention of an altruism-inspired fast was—dare I say it?—even more intriguing.

I had never heard about the Thea Bowman House before I saw the IVCF handout, but it didn't take more than a few minutes of reading the organization's website to realize it is a wonderful cause—well worth skipping a few meals for.

Started in 1986 and based in Utica, the Thea Bowman House seeks "to provide a safe, nurturing environment to enable culturally diverse children and families achieve their full potential." The organization offers a number of programs to provide educational and social advancement to locals in need. These range from Universal Pre-K, which prepares four-year-olds for kindergarten, to Domestic Violence Ended, which educates children about domestic violence, as well as provides counseling and support.

I emailed the IVCF a moment later and signed up for the charity fast, which took place on Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Almost 100 others did the same. And for a school that has less than 2,000 students, that's an admirable success.

What was the big draw, then? Surely, for some, it was the IVCF: either people who are directly involved in the club or who identify with the Christian community. (This was further confirmed at the break-fast. Before eating, a prayer was led, and I watched most of the partipants in the room sincerely close their eyes and bow their heads.) For myself, though—and I imagine many others—the motive to participate in the fundraiser was not in the least bit religious.

> **"It wasn't just about being a Christian. It was about being a human—and that means caring about other humans, and doing what good you can when you can."**

The event required a great amount of planning from the great number of IVCF leaders: President Jasmin Thomas '15, Worship Coordinator Paul Westin '15, Prayer Coordinator Katie Jickling '15, Large Group Coordinator Eric Lintala '16, Small Group Coordinator Kim Olsen '16 and Outreach Coordinator Hunter Dansin '16.

That said, the event's concept is substitution at its simplest and loveliest. Don't swipe into the dining halls for a day. The money that would normally go to your meal plan goes to the Thea Bowman House. And that night, everyone involved gets to break-fast (or should I say feast?) on Minar.

A chapter of the larger organization, Hamilton IVCF's mission statement is as follows: "Shining the light of God to the Hamilton community through speech, life, love, faith, and purity." Certainly, the event spoke to these goals—and the break-fast itself was a lot more religious than I (probably should have) expected. Dansin introduced the club, clarified what it means to be a young Christian today, and then handed the mike over to Pastor Vinton Upham from the Immanuel Baptist Church in New Hartford, who explained the biblical history and significance of fasting.

These speeches were given before we participants broke our fast and—forgive me for saying what everyone else was thinking—it was slightly painful to (try to) concentrate on lessons from the Old and New Testament after not having eaten for twelve-plus hours, with the smell of Minar wafting through the Annex.

But between the grumbles and mumbles from our stomachs, something Pastor Upham said truly resonated with me: "It's not just about what you're doing with your body—it's about what you're doing with your heart."

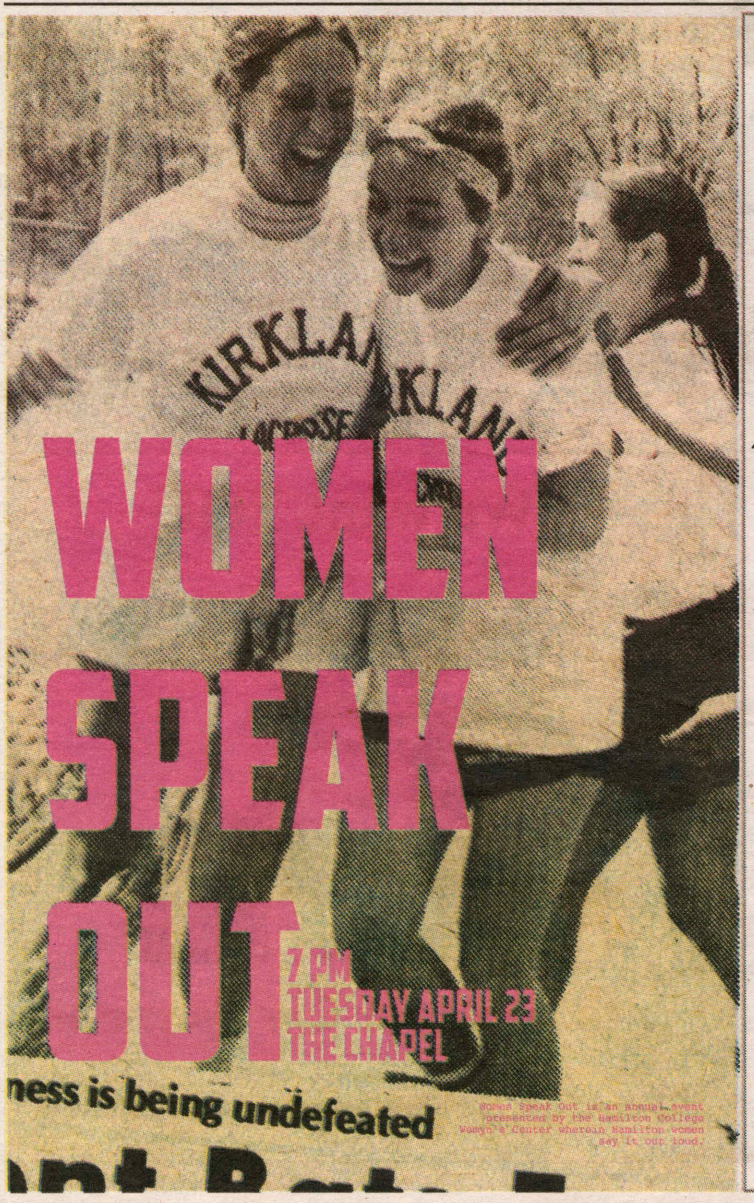
That's the connection. The link between the IVCF's fundraiser and the larger community it exists within. Even though this event was successfully and innovatively created by the Christian Fellowship on our campus, it wasn't *just* about being a Christian. It was about being a human—and that means caring about other humans and doing what good you can when you can.

This marks the first time the IVCF has held a fast-based fundraiser. While it was inspired by the Muslim Student Association's fast for Ramadan earlier this year—this also most likely marks the first non-traditional, charity-based fast on campus.

To me, it marks an incredibly successful model for other Hamilton organizations to take inspiration from and recreate for their own causes. If Bon Appétit is willing to cooperate with groups on this sort of fundraiser, students should make use of having such a generous and supportive catering company on campus.

Some people perform community service to put it on their resume. Others, because they're mandated to. And a lot just don't—because it takes time that we Hamiltonians "don't have."

This fundraiser doesn't require time. It actually gives you *more* time. Sleep in later, don't have breakfast. Don't spend ten minutes waiting in line for sushi at Commons and ten more minutes trying to find a table. Sure, you'll be a *little* hungry (especially if you're foolish enough to eat an early dinner the night before and then go to the gym, like me). But, at the end of the day, it'll be worth it. The feeling of making an actual, tangible difference in our community is far more satisfying than Minar's *naan*. And that's saying something.



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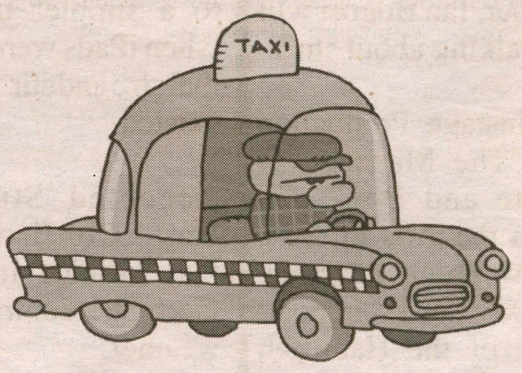

Four Hamilton seniors awarded fellowships

by Jessica Tang '16
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While many Hamilton seniors have been receiving and accepting job offers, a unique few have been granted prestigious post-graduate fellowships. Seniors Debbie Chen '13, Eric Green '13, Michael Breslin '13 and Lauren Howe '13 are recipients of 2013-2014 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, the William J. Bristol Fellowship and Thomas J.Watson Fellowship, respectively. These fellowships allow students to travel to a variety of countries for one year and explore their interests further through independent projects and hands-on experience.

The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) will take Chen to Taiwan where she will become involved with and examine the Taiwanese education system. Chen is a creative writing major who has always had a strong interest in education, specifically education inequality. Influencing her decision to apply for an ETA are her experiences as a Hamilton student and as a volunteer in the greater Utica area..

"As a student of the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), I know the obstacles preventing students from achieving their full potential" Chen said. "My experience teaching inner-city children in Utica has reinforced my desire to improve the current education system, ensuring that a child's socio-economic status does not affect the quality of his or her education."

Chen chose Taiwan after she saw that the country has implemented educational programs that closely align with her values.

"[Taiwan's] Ministry of Education (MOE) established the Program for Education Priority Areas that provides additional resources to schools in disadvantaged districts. The MOE recently began the Education Safety Net Program, which ensures that economically disadvantaged children can continue to attend school. I want to be part of this progressive movement in Taiwanese schools."

Apart from becoming involved in Taiwan's education system, Chen is also excited to immerse herself in other aspects of Taiwanese culture, including the country's food and leisurely activities. "I want to attend baseball games and participate in festivals so I can learn about Taiwanese traditions, such as 'The Firecracker Game,'" Chen aid. "I want to become a member of the community, one who asks the local grocer about his mother's health and learns t'ai chi from the 90-year-old woman at the town square. I will go to night markets and sample various Taiwanese delicacies. Being an English teaching assistant in Taiwan will allow me to see first-hand the benefits of offering comprehensive support to underprivileged children. This assistantship will improve my abilities to teach and interact with a diverse group of people, a skill I will use when I teach children from low-income communities in one of New York City's inner-city schools."

At Hamilton, Chen teaches math to middle school students from Utica through the Young People's Project. She is also taking a Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Teacher Training Seminar course, in which students receive a 70-hour teacher training certificate and complete field study at Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.

Breslin received The Bristol Fellowship which is unique to Hamilton College. His project, titled "Gender Play: Displaying, Transgressing, and Transcending Gender Identity in World Theatre," will take him to Germany, Poland, Australia, Indonesia and Japan.

"When studying abroad in Moscow during my junior year, I discovered my love not just for traveling but for seeing and creating theatre in a different culture," said Breslin. "The Russian theatre scene is so rich and daring, and I thought to myself: What other countries in the world could have this type of amazing theatre that I don't even know about? I was also struck by the differences and similarities in gender relations and performances in Moscow, and how these cultural differences reflected themselves in theatre. I and think more independently."

Breslin has always been fascinated with the topic of gender play, from the ways a performer is able to manipulate gender to the consequences of this manipulation. He credits Hamilton's academics as a resource that has fostered and shaped his interest.

The countries to which Breslin has chosen to travel may not be the most popular places to visit in terms of theatre culture, but they are the most compelling, representing "Eastern and Western theatrical traditions, and conventional and experimental theatre cultures" he said.

Breslin looks forward to experiencing these differences through interaction with artists and audiences.

On a typical day, he will find himself at rehearsals, acting and dance lessons and production meetings. Exposing himself to works of various cultures, he will practice different approaches to preparing theatre. He will also work from the opposite perspective, as a spectator at a range of performances. After these performances, he will converse with audience members, actors and directors about the piece. Breslin expects that his ideas and beliefs on gender play will be "challenged and reconstructed." He also hopes to discover "different theatrical techniques and methods that can assist multiple ways." Apart from experiencing his fellowship through an education lens, Breslin looks forward to the personal aspect of the fellowship. "As for my own gender identity," he writes, "I am open to allowing the different national and theatrical cultures to influence and change me."

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Clockwise from top left: Debbie Chen '13, Eric Green '13, Lauren Howe '13 and Michael Breslin '13 have all been awarded fellowships for the upcoming year.

At Hamilton Breslin has performed in *Slaughter City*, *Wet* and *Orestes 2*. He is the performance director of one of Hamilton's a capella groups, Duelly Noted, and was the director/producer of this year's Shakespeare in the Glen production of *Twelfth Night*, in which he also performed.

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship was awarded to Howe for her proposed project"The Future of Food: Modern Technology and Traditional Agriculture Systems."

After studying abroad in Australia, Howe was left with the travel bug and realized the many places she wanted to visit and topics she wanted to invest herself in. Howe decided to apply for a Watson after considering her last six years of experience in the fields of natural environment, food and social justice.

Howe has chosen to travel to India, Bolivia, Tanzania and Iceland to conduct her project, which, according to her proposal, will explore the feasibility of a "mechanized food and agriculture system" and "small-scale traditional farming."

From traveling to these culturally, geographically and environmentally diverse countries, Howe hopes to gain a "balanced awareness of the issues surrounding food security and cultural continuity in a changing world where some would argue that technology is apotheosized, tradition is threatened, and the welfare of the natural environment is overlooked."

Another goal of Howe's is to study the attitudes that ordinary citizens have towards different types of food production.

"Different countries and cultures have varying opinions on issues such as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and land grabbing (large-scale land acquisition, usually from foreign investors). I hope that by immersing myself in the daily lives of local people in Tanzania, India, Bolivia and Iceland, I can understand more about how their culture influences their own values and views of food systems."

Howe is determined to achieve a well-rounded view of food systems, which has been developed at Hamilton, but only in a partial way. Howe wishes to know the full story of various food issues and to understand the "harsh reality that includes widespread poverty, political implications and cultural nuances." She mentions how her experiences volunteering, taking certain classes and attending food conferences have further driven her to pursue her project.

Howe has a lomng history with food and food production. During high school, she worked at her local grocery store and volunteered at an emergency food pantry. In 2011, Howe interned at Grow Food Northampton, where she managed affordable and senior citizen Farm Share programs.

At the School of International Training in Australia, Howe conducted a five-week independent research project called the "The Eco-Potential of Farm Tourism in Australia: A Gap Analysis." She was also a U.S. delegate to the 2012 International Slow Food Congress Terra Madre in Turin, Italy, and was invited to present a paper she co-authored, "Let's Dig In! Adirondack Food Culture through the Ages," at the Canadian Association for Food Studies 2012 Conference in Waterloo, Ontario.

At Hamilton, Howe is the co-founder of Slow Food International which promotes sustainable food and raises awareness about food issues through lectures, film screenings, farm tours and community events. She was a chairperson of the Food Systems Working Group for the "Let's Get Real Hamilton!" food sourcing campaign on campus, a member of HEAG and a sustainability coordinator for the Recycling Task Force.

Spooked ya! Hauntings on the Hill

by Taylor Coe '13
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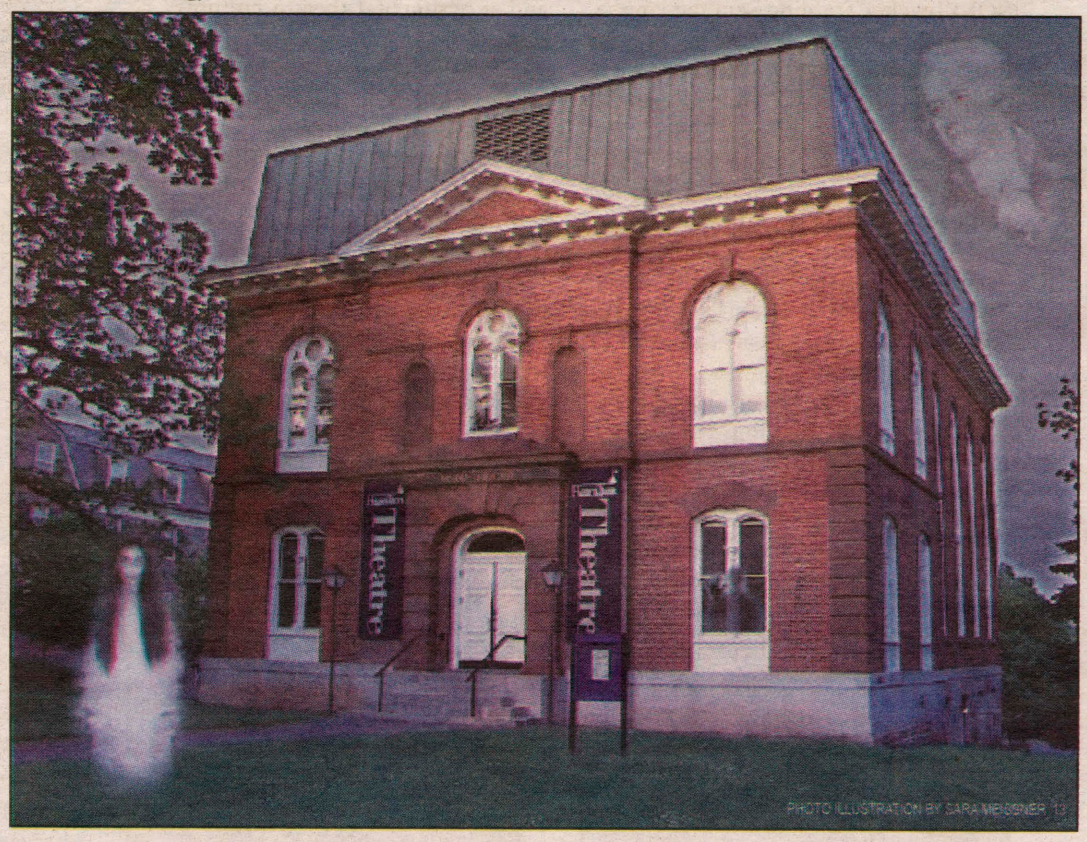

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Unlike, say, the admissions tours for accepted students that have been traversing campus in the past couple days, Wayne Gentile's ghost tour poked at the dark underbelly of the College, with its dusty basements and darkened hallways, bumps in the night and things best left unexplained.

Last Tuesday night, a group of friends and I had the chance to take a ghost tour with Gentile, assistant director of Campus Safety. (My girlfriend, Kayla Safran '13, won the tour in the ASB raffle.) A conscientious skeptic and consummate storyteller, Gentile is also a long-standing member of Hamilton's Campus Safety, making him the perfect person to lead a ghost tour across the campus. As much as hard-partying students think they know about the campus at night, Campus Safety officers know more. For instance, one of the duties of officers working the late shift is doing walk-throughs of every building on campus. One of the toughest times of year is over winter break, when very few people are on campus. "It's like a ghost town," said Gentile, detailing the harrowing experience of going through some of the buildings on a windy night in late December. Given the obvious array of uncomfortable situations these men and women find themselves in, it is easy to see why Campus Safety officers are the de facto authorities on bumps in the night on campus.

Not all officers have experiences in the buildings (and not all of them tell), but they all have different ways of dealing with their uneasiness. Some avoid the building altogether; others check only the outside doors; some officers refuse to enter certain buildings without company. For each one of the buildings on the tour, Gentile explained, there is at least one officer reluctant to venture into it alone. So…what buildings are we talking about, you wonder? They are (in the order we visited them last Tuesday night): the Molly Root Farmhouse, the Anderson-Connell Alumni Center (C&D), the Elihu Root House, Buttrick Hall, Root Hall and, the big Kahuna of Hamilton horror, Minor Theatre. The surprise absence in that list for most people is probably Couper Hall, which, with its out-of-place red brick exterior and somewhat ominous third-floor tower, looks like the obvious haunted building on campus—except that it's not. So, forget that story you heard about the professor who hanged himself in that curious third-floor room; when we told him the story, Gentile shrugged and said that he had not heard of any experiences in Couper.

Like any truly great ghost tale, all of Gentile's stories are drenched in both doubt and alarming specificity. When he cannot explain an experience, he takes care to add a grain of salt. Take, for example, the story of several telephones on the second floor of C&D going off simultaneously not just once but twice in the same night, while all along the light switch refused to work. "People call at weird times with time zones and everything," offered Gentile. He had not, as of yet, devised an explanation for the lights. Selective in his stories, Gentile mostly tells stories for which he had at least one other witness. After all, a lot of what people see on their own—shadows, footsteps or strange noises—might just as easily be the product of the classic overactive imagination, as some kind of ghostly reality. Indeed, sometimes it seems as if the imagination swells to three or four times its size once you find yourself alone in a dark, silent room. Every pop and creak of settling or expanding wood sounds like a possible spirit, flickering through the walls. ("Again, these buildings are old," pointed out Gentile.) Every shifting shadow indicated some sort of presence. But most of it was probably in my head.

The unforeseen pleasure of the tour was discovering aspects of the campus we never knew existed. For example, did you know that there is a kitchen fireplace and wine cellar in the basement of Elihu Root? What about the alarmingly shoddy floorboards of that third-floor Couper office (and its unparalleled view down the hill)? How about the big conference room in the second floor of Buttrick? And not only was there a thrill in seeing these places to begin with, but also in seeing them in the middle of the night, awash in shadows, the gurgle of pipes and the hum of sleeping electronics.

Overlooking the innumerable pops and creaks, our ghost hunt on Tuesday night, having canvassed the three Roots, C&D and Buttrick, was unsuccessful—until we reached Minor Theatre. Gentile had primed us for the jaunt with a grim story about a spiritualist visiting campus who, upon being brought into Minor Theatre, begged to leave the space, claiming that there were bad spirits inside who wanted to hurt him. Entering from the back of the building, we walked through the basement and up the stairs to little ghostly fanfare. However, once we stepped onto the main stage and settled into a quiet space, only a few seconds later, the banging began. It sounded like someone wearing oversized, almost metallic-sounding shoes, clomping across a small space somewhere above our heads. And then there was a loud bang. And then the footsteps started again. By the time we heard the second loud bang, we were ready to get out of there. Sure, it was probably pipes. Or someone playing an elaborate prank on a ghost-hunting group. But all of us heard something, and there were more than half a dozen of us. I would not be surprised if we ended up in one of Gentile's stories.

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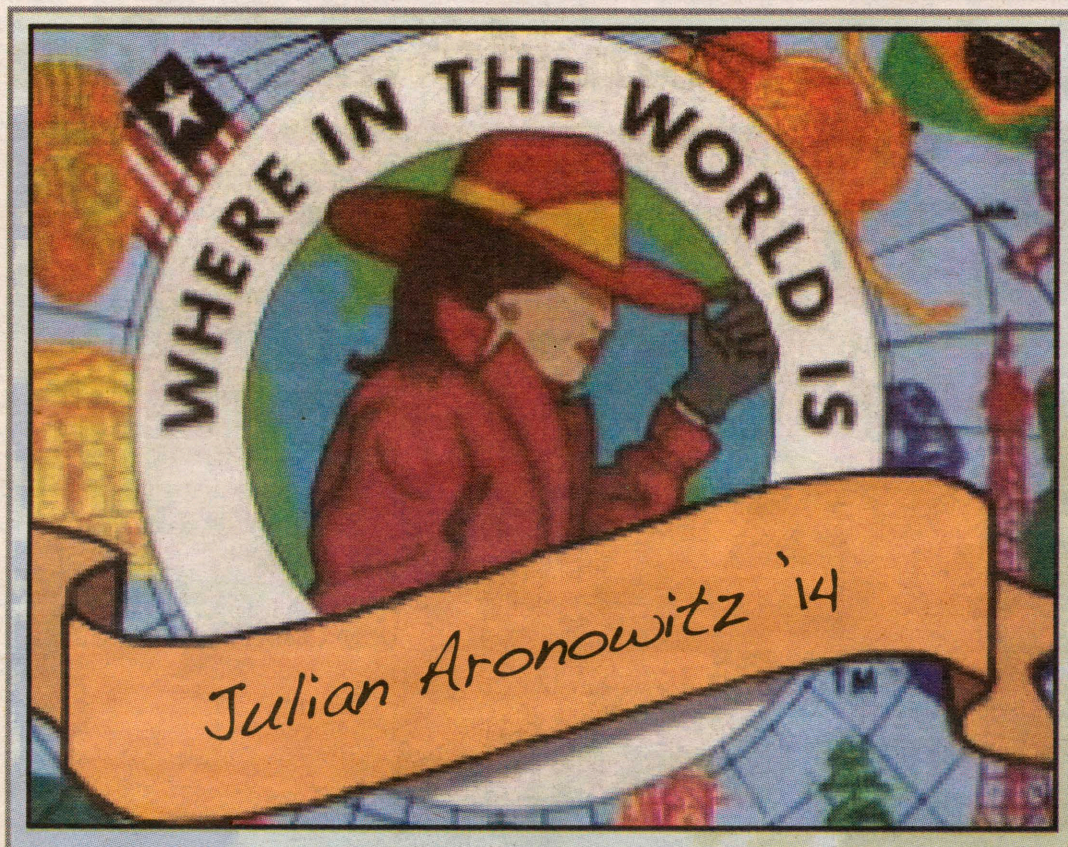

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Aronowitz poses with a dashing blue headwrap, to stay stylish and keep safe from the heat.

by Julian Aronowitz '14
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

As a math major with zero foreign language skills, it's sometimes hard to justify exactly why I'm spending a semester abroad in Morocco. "So you want to start focusing on human rights?" Nope. "Do you want to get involved in developmental economics?" Not really. "Are you thinking about working for an NGO or something?" Don't think so. "So why are you here?" Well, my original reasons, that camels are awesome and *Casablanca* is a darn good movie, now seem laughably insufficient. In fact, Casablanca is probably my least favorite city that I've been to, and my time riding a camel totaled about 40 minutes. But luckily my shaky reasoning hasn't stopped me from fully embracing the mysteries and delights of living a Moroccan lifestyle.

Of course, like all study abroad experiences, there were times of utter culture shock early on. The 'call to prayer' is an unmistakable aspect of living in a Muslim country. Five times a day, loudspeakers attached to every mosque in the city blasts the familiar 'Allah Akbar' prayer for everyone to hear. The first time you're woken by this at four in the morning is definitely a jarring and memorable experience. Eating most meals with your hands out of a giant communal bowl also takes some getting used to, but as with everything else, one gets acclimated fairly quickly.

In the 11 weeks I've been in Morocco, I've not only gotten used to the culture but have thrived upon it. Drinking mint tea is no longer a custom, it's a necessity, and public bathhouses or Hamams, couldn't live without 'em. The most surprising thing I've adapted to is the fact that not just one but three languages are spoken fluently in Morocco. Darija, or Moroccan Arabic, is a Moroccan's first language, but Standard Arabic and French are necessities for official documents and publications. The task of communicating in English, broken French, and broken Arabic is one of the most challenging but rewarding aspects of being here. Though without a doubt the greatest part of my study abroad experience has to be my living situation.

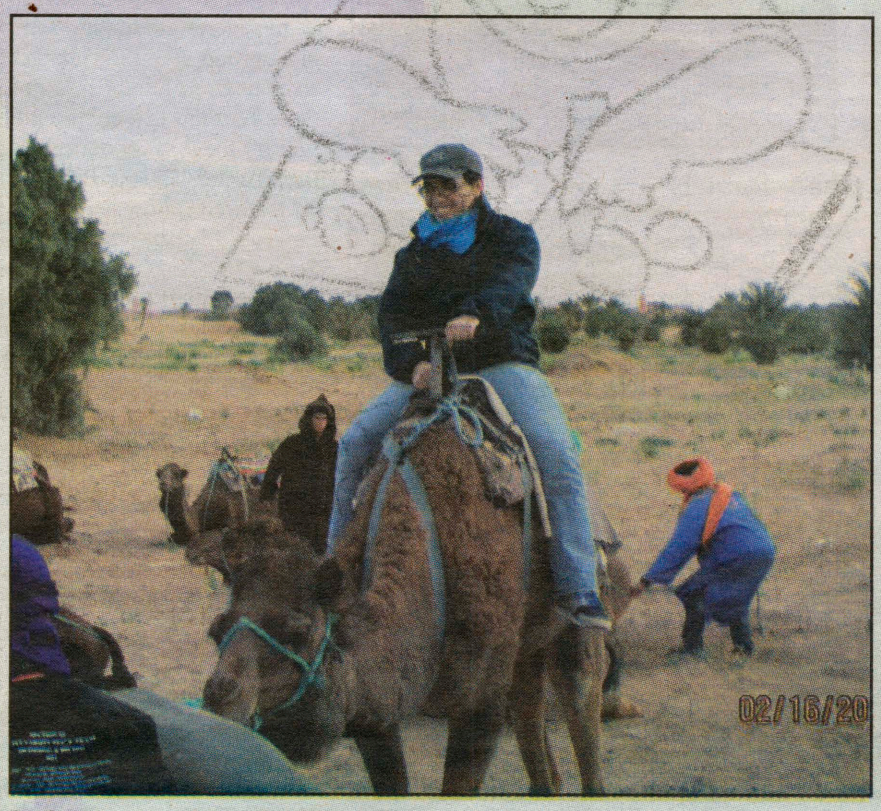
My host parents, Fouzia and Hosni, have been extraordinarily kind in accepting me into their family. I've learned more about Moroccan culture and traditions from having lived under their auspices then from any other single experience. I share couscous with them on al jumu'ah and help care for their two-year-old son Habeeb. On occasions, I even dance with them in the streets for local weddings.

One of the most fun things I've done here was help prepare for a party celebrating Habeeb's recent circumcision. The "penis party", as I sometimes call it, had over 20 baked chickens and literally buckets of cinnamon rosewater pasta, huge big fat tubs of it. It was only half way through the party that I realized I was the only male there. Apparently it was like a baby shower kind of thing, women only. But they didn't seem to mind and I wasn't going to pass up the chance to eat that delicious dessert pasta.

Sharing in the good times and happy occasions is definitely fun, but part of the homestay experience is undoubtedly sharing in the bad times, too. Not everything been hunky dory in the Fouzia family. Recently, Habeeb was jumping on the couch and ended up falling off and breaking his leg. He now has a cast on and can't really move anywhere. Because of this, I've spent many sleepless nights listening to my host brother crying, and many days sitting by his side playing with him and his toys. Although this has been truly heartbreaking, it has led to a better and more caring relationship between my family and me.

Now that I'm starting an independent study project, I've moved out of my host family's home and into my own apartment. I'm living with four other guys from my program in the center of the old medina part of town. The place is a five-minute walk from the beach and right on the main souk road. We even have a beautiful rooftop terrace to sit and watch kids play soccer and hijab clad housewives stroll by. I'm sad to leave my host parents, but honestly I couldn't be happier as I smoke hookah on the roof, drink a Stork and watch the sunset fall across the city jungle of clothes lines, palm trees and satellite dishes.

Morocco is a wonderful and fascinating country. Clearly what makes this study abroad experience so remarkable is the people I get to interact with every day. My academic advisors, my hamam buddy Omar, even Hassan the omelet sandwich guy are a joy to talk to and learn from. This is the real reason I'm abroad. Although I'm not gonna lie, the 40-minute camel ride was ridiculously cool.



Left, Aronowitz fulfills his dream of riding a camel. Right, he drinks traditional Moroccan mint tea with his host parents.

Arts in brief: jazz, choir, comedy and film

by Jack McManus '13
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The Kirkland Quartet in their debut performance at Cafe Opus's jazz combo night.

• Veteran jazz guitarist Gene Bertoncini teamed up with Hamilton's Lecturer in Guitar Rick Balestra for a free concert in Wellin Hall on Friday at 7:30 p.m.. With Bertoncini on a nylon-string acoustic guitar and Balestra playing electric, the duo played selections from America's diverse jazz tradition. Having performed with giants like Buddy Rich and Wayne Shorter, as well as on the staff orchestra for "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," Bertoncini invited all Hamilton guitarists to a masterclass in jazz guitar earlier in the day, sharing skills and knowledge from his 50-year career.

• After spending much of Spring Break singing in the ancient Italian cities of Rome, Perugia, Florence and Venice, the Hamilton Choir performed their touring material at a homecoming show in Wellin Hall on Saturday. They treated the campus community to pieces like Bach's "Furchte Dich nicht, Ich bin Bei Dir" and the popular hymn "O Nata Lux," which they performed under the famous cathedral dome in Florence during their travels.

• CAB comedy returned to the Barn on Saturday night with sets from stand up comedians Chad Daniels and Tommy Johnagin. Hailing from Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Daniels has been gradually gaining fans on the stand-up circuit, making recent appearances on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham," "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," "The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien" and Conan's new show on TBS. Like Daniels, Tommy Johnagin has hosted his own episode of "Comedy Central Presents…," and he also finished second on NBC's stand-up reality show "Last Comic Standing" in 2010.

• The Hamilton film community has been especially active recently, with several interesting screenings taking place and a few notable filmmakers visiting the Hill.

On Sunday, April 14, director Robb Moss visited campus to discuss and screen his film *Same River Twice* for the F.I.L.M. series. The film follows a formative group excursion down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon, focusing on ideas of adulthood and self-discovery. On Wednesday, April 17, the React to Film group screened the award-winning documentary *Searching for Sugar Man,* which traces the surprising resurgence of '70s singer-songwriter Rodriguez in South Africa.

This Thursday, April 18, filmmaker Lech Kowalski will be visiting campus to discuss his new film *Drill Baby Drill* about a village in Poland that organized against the installation of a Chevron gas well near their home. The event is sponsored by the Environmental Studies department.

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Comedians Tommy Jonagin (left) and Chad Daniels are both tv regulars.

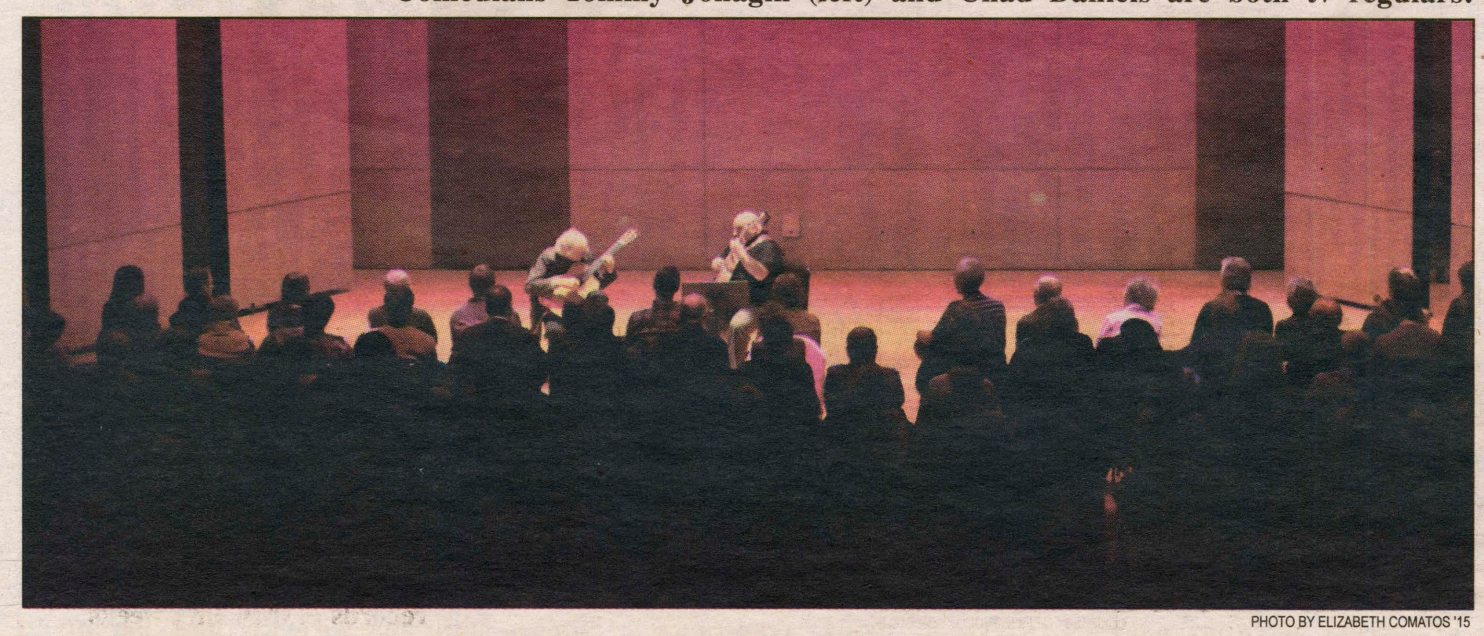

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH COMATOS '15

Jazz guitarists Gene Burtoncioni (left) and Rich Balestra perform on a crowded Wellin Stage.

• Hamilton's most promising jazz musicians set up an informal night of improvisation in Opus I on Tuesday, April 16, with two small combo groups taking the stage: The Kirkland Quartet and the Bret Quintet. Making their debut performance, the Kirkland Quartet featured Paul Westin '15 on alto saxophone, Ryan Glenn '16 on drums, Jack Young '16 on guitar, Lucas Phillips '16 on bass and Sarah Hooper '16 vocals. The group performed a selection of jazz standards, including a closing medley of "Mack the Knife" and "Take The A Train." With several graduating seniors in the group, Hamilton jazz veterans, The Bret Quintet, returned to Opus for their last combo night. Led by local saxophone legend Bret Turner '13, the Bret Quintet featured fellow seniors Alex Lawson '13 on bass and David B. Schwartz '13 on drums, as well as sophomores Deanna Nappi '15 on saxophone and George Taliaferro '15 on guitar. In celebration of their final Opus performance the group played an original tune penned by Doc Woods for the occasion.

• Saxophonist Bret Turner '13 and his combo the Bret Quintet followed up their performance at the Opus I Jazz Combo night on Tuesday, April 16 with an encore performance on Wednesday night at the Little Pub. Professor of Economics Stephen Wu joined the band on keyboards for the night for an impromptu selection of standards and classic jazz tunes.

Inside the 24-Hour Film Festival

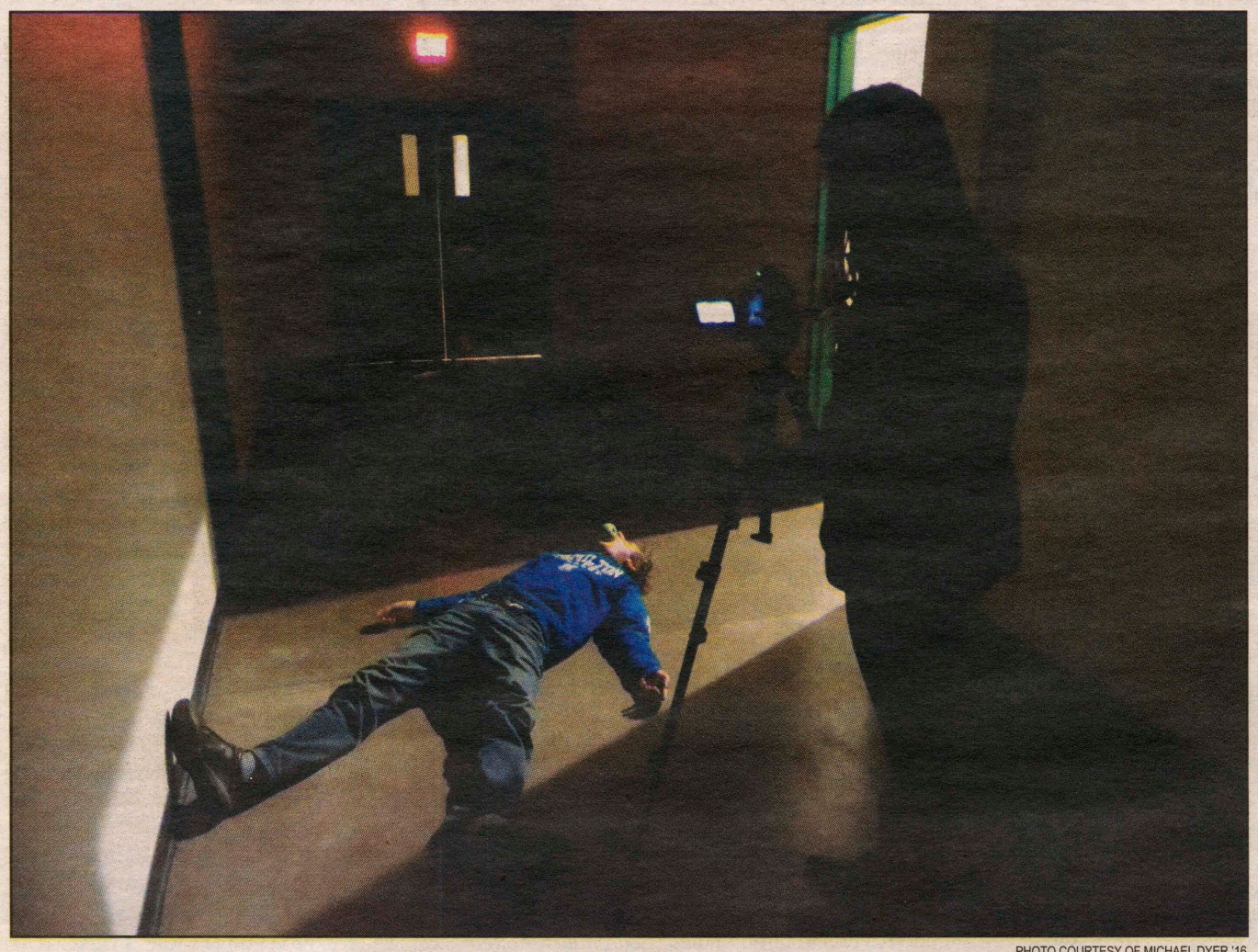

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL DYER '16

Lucas Phillips '16 lies supine in a scene from "The Kirkland Spirit" filmed by Mary Rice '15.

by Lucas Phillips '16
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When the clock struck midnight on April 12th, I was a member of one of seven groups released from KJ 101 with the tasked with the challenge of creating a short film in 24 hours—in my case, a silent film. Without any particular idea in mind, I walked around the South side of campus until 2 a.m., shooting what looked creepy and interesting. The arts buildings turn out to be pretty eerie at night and, reflecting on it, so is Schambach/List basement any time of day. I thought it seemed a natural setting for a horror film. My co-creator, Michael Dyer '16—who worked with me on my last 24-hour film in the fall—and I had talked over the idea of using captions to advance a separate dialogue than appeared on the screen. Combining these, we went for the possibly novel genre of horror-comedy.

Dyer and I wrote (mostly on-the-spot), acted-in, edited and created the soundtrack for the film. 24 hours to create six minutes of film ratio sounds easy enough, but you should probably ask the three groups that dropped out how long it can take. The main problem is that there is no good weekend to spend your Saturday making a movie. For the second semester in a row, I was behind on my work and had spent very little free time doing anything but filmmaking. I suppose it begs the question: why?

I had not been a prolific filmmaker in high school—nor do call myself one now—having made little more than a few low-tech cooking videos for French class. When I toured Hamilton as a senior, someone made mention of the festival, and it sounded cool, like something I should participate in if I went to Hamilton. So when I ended up here, I naturally signed up for the fall semester's festival.

But more importantly, the festival is about being a little bit silly and taking a break from our busy and repetitive routines to do something creative, if a bit absurd.

Highlights from the Festival

by Taylor Coe '13
SENIOR EDITOR

"Behind The Scenes"
Documentary

A meta-documentary, this film sets itself up as a documentary—in the style of "The Office"—following a group of Hamilton students as they try to construct a documentary film for the 24-Hour Film Festival. Featuring an actor suffering under the delusion of his own greatness, an unhelpful friend, an overeager schemer, a hapless director and one reasonable person, the situation quickly disintegrates into an attack with scissors and a surprise, musical-inspired ending.

"The Search for Federalist #86"
Detective

After two friends locate an odd poem (a clue!) on a statue, they embark on a Nicholas Cage-inspired journey across the Hamilton campus to locate the lost manuscript, racing against the (6x) great grandson of Aaron Burr, intent on avenging his forbear's reputation. Like any good detective/adventure story worth its salt, "The Search" is filled with witty banter, clues that verge on parody and a hair-raising fight scene, captured with startling documentary precision.

COURTESY OF FILM PRODUCTION GUILD

"The Kirkland Spirit"
Silent film

Taking off of last semester's "The Spirit of Kirkland," a lovely and sad romantic ditty, this film takes a similar theme and swerves into much darker territory. The nymph-like presence of last semester's film is transformed into a *Carrie*-worthy horror character. You thought the basement of McEwen couldn't look any creepier? You'll think after seeing this film—one scene involving an apple, a supine body and a flashing light will leave you with your heart racing.

"Pirate and the Timeless Crystal"
Action

A stop-motion film about Pirate's bid for liberation from cruel Lord Monkey, "Pirate" features a hilarious, innovative use of kitchen space, equally hilarious voiceovers and a fantastic stop-motion chase. Also: it's hard to look at a blender the same way ever again.

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98 Degrees of Separation

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

with

Ben Fields '15

Sounds Like:

Your childhood (aka the '90s)

Expect to hear:

All boy bands, all the time—ranging from obscure to classic.

What song do you love (or love to hate) in the Diner Jukebox?

"Thrift Shop."

This song goes out to...

Hannah Fine, 'cuz she's the Finest and Bassest person I know.

Albums or songs you can expect to hear:

"Kiss You" – One Direction

"Bye Bye Bye" – 'N Sync

"Mmmbop" – Hanson,

"Larger Than Life" – Backstreet Boys

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***Millennium* by the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached* both shattered sales records in their first weeks.**

Men's lacrosse fights for spot in NESCAC playoffs

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and the Conts claimed the victory.

Menninger was proud of the way the team and individual players contributed to the win against the Conn. College He praised Driscoll for having "a phenomenal game" and felt that "our offense did a great job at being patient and waiting for the right moment to strike." Hopper was also pleased with how the game turned out, saying that "Saturday's win was the first time we were able to put together an entire 60 minutes of play ... It was definitely our strongest performance in conference play so far this year."

The Continentals had another close game with Williams College Tuesday. Like in Saturday's game against Conn., the Ephs took the lead in the first quarter 3-1 and had a 5-2 lead at the half. Williams widened the gap 55 seconds into the third quarter with a fourth goal. Hamilton responded to close the gap to 6-5 by the end of the quarter, helped by a key goal shot by Zimmerman with 3.2 seconds left. Williams scored in a man-up opportunity at the start of the final quarter, which brought the score to 7-5. However, first-year Sam Sweet and Anthos posted goals 44 seconds apart with less than six minutes left in the game. The Ephs were unable to push past Hamilton's tough defense and the game was forced into overtime. Though both teams fought hard for possession of the ball, it was Hopper's shot on goal with just 14.6 seconds left in the sudden-death overtime period that earned the Conts the 8-7 win.

This game brought the Continentals' home record to 5-1. Sweet led Hamilton's defense with a career-high three goals, Driscoll made six saves and Menninger won five of his face-offs. The Continentals also had a 42-31 shot advantage over the Ephs.

Head Coach Scott Barnard noted that this game was one that required patience and perseverance in order to come out with the win. He explained, "we started chipping away because we knew we weren't going to score all our goals at one time," especially because "Williams is an excellent defensive team and makes you work for their shots." Barnard also said that this game "set up the stage for this coming weekend."

Going into Saturday's game against Trinity, the players recognize that they do have some improvements to make. "We need to work on starting games stronger," Menninger said. "Our team needs to continue to show up to every game with a sense of urgency and energy. He added that "while we have certainly hit our stride in the past couple games, there is no doubt in my mind that we can and must play better, run faster, and fight harder in order to make the best of any opportunity."

Morgan, who was named NESCAC Player of the Week for his five goals in the game against Skidmore last Wednesday and for scoring the game-winning goal against Conn. College, is confident in the team's ability to perform well in Saturday's game. "I feel that if we keep playing the way we have then we have a very good chance to beat a solid Trinity team," he said.

Though the win against Williams put the Conts in contention to be in the playoffs, beating Trinity on Saturday is necessary to gaining a secure place in postseason play. Having beat every team in the NESCAC except for two in the past two years that Hamilton has been included in the conference, the chance to play in the NESCACs looks promising.

Barnard feels that the players "have a lot of potential, it just depends on how well they execute." He adds that "the NESCAC is the tightest and most competitive in DIII lacrosse." In order to go far, "you have to be very focused and bring your best game." Having made it to the quarterfinals last year, the Conts know the pressure is on to bring out a strong performance in Saturday's game against Trinity. If they do make it to postseason play, the possibility to go even farther than last year is also on the table. As Coach Barnard put it, "when you're in the playoffs, anything can happen."

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH MCKEE

Junior Brian Hopper scored the game winning goal with 14.6 seconds left in the Conts' 8-7 overtime win against Williams College on Tuesday.

Solidarity in sports

by Ben Fields '15
Sports Editor

The end of a race is supposed to be a joyous time. Almost any athlete you ask will tell you that there is no better feeling than finishing. Whether it is something as short as one length of a pool or as long as a marathon, that feeling of accomplishment is unrivaled in the world of athletics. So when that feeling is taken away and quickly replaced by terror there is nothing worse.

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As the world watched the two bombs go off at the Boston Marathon on Monday, the devastation was more than just a response to the terrible casualties. It was supposed to be a celebratory time for runners, families, friends and even just spectators, but it was wrenched apart by a senseless act of terror. As anyone who has ever been to a sporting event or taken part in one can understand, the emotions after finishing or being towards the end of a race are so great that it was so cruel to turn them into fear and anguish.

Out of the chaos though emerged some of the greatest acts of heroism. After finishing more than 26 miles, runners ran back to the finish line to aid. Although inevitably their legs were like jelly and their bodies were broken down, they ran back towards the harm. There is little more heroic than running towards an explosion and the ensuing bedlam. While we mourn the injured and dead we must celebrate the heroes.

This was a terrible event but it has fostered amazing responses from unlikely sources. At a recent New York Yankees game, the fans gave a rousing chorus of "Sweet Caroline" to show their support for the city of Boston, all rivalries aside.

Now as we move on from this terrible tragedy, we must not let it interfere with our lives. For those heading to future races and events: Yes, we must be careful and vigilant, but we cannot stop this from living our lives. Use every race, competition and sporting event as a tribute to those lot or hurt in Boston and anywhere else.

Frisbee 3rd at Saratoga

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took the Metro East Sectional crown. This put Hamilton into the second place game against Love Seat.

Both teams had already played several games in the tournament, and a late Sunday afternoon game was neither team's dream. The rules of the tournament forced them to play, although Hamilton had already locked up their bid to Division I regionals, and Oneonta is headed to Division III nationals. In a close and abbreviated game, Hamilton fell to Love Seat 3-5, but was not the least bit upset with their performance. "Our goal was to get to D-I regionals, which we did, which is awesome!" said Nappi.

The Saucers great performance on the field may be sending them to Division I regionals to compete against the best of East Coast ultimate, but for them the joy is just in playing. "We just want to go out and have fun," says Nappi, "Being with them is just so inspiring."

The impressive Hot Saucers will once again travel to Saratoga Springs on April 27 for the Division I Metro East Regional Championship, where they will face a wide-open field without returning champion Ottawa.

PHOTO BY DAVID MORGAN '15

Emily Snider '15 skies for the disc.

With the ice melted, Crew looks to improve this spring

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
News Editor

In Rome, the Erie Canal welcomed the men and women's crew teams for Hamilton College's first home regatta on Saturday, April 13. Overall, the morning brought generally good rowing conditions and a manageable 10 mph tailwind covering the water. Having faced Union (M 2nd, W 1st) and Tufts (M 2nd, W 2nd) last weekend, the teams were ready to give a strong race against University of Rochester and, for the women, Hobart & William Smith.

> **"I do expect us to pick up speed over the remainder of our season."**
> *—Coach Eric Summers*

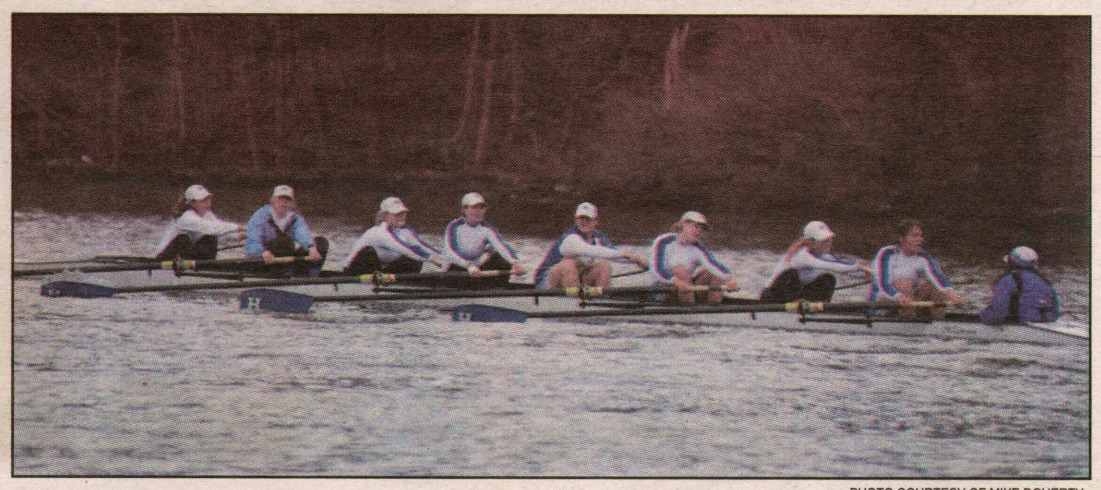
The men's competition began with the varsity eight boats. Sawyer Konys '16 was coxswain, Jared Lippman '16 sat in stroke seat and Dylan Jackson '13 manned the bow seat. Also seated were Charlie Wilson '16, Aaron Whiteman '13, Landon Morin '16, Eric Niemenen '16, Max Geiduschek '14 and Grant Meglis '14. Rochester covered the 2,000 meter length of the course in 6:11.41, surpassing Hamilton's 6:22.55, and also came in first for the second varsity eight race with a time of 6:29.36. Hamilton's boat, which finished in 6:38.20, included Monica Gutierrez '15 (coxswain), Jake Wagner '15 (stroke), Gardner Reed '14 (bow seat), Alex Cates '15, Patrick English '15, Kyle Leahy '14, Philip Ewing '15, Simon Judd '13 and Andrew Szatkowski '15. Yet, Hamilton ultimately came out victorious during the novice eight race, finishing in 6:36.21 with Rochester in 6:46.75. The currently undefeated boat seats Jack Cavanaugh '16 (coxswain), Lippman (stroke), Ronald Sprague '16 (bow), Wilson, Marc Horschman '16, Russ DeGrazia '15, Alec Melone '16, Tianshu Liu '16 and Max Luthringer '16.

Overall, the Hamilton men's crew team finished in 2nd place. In its first race against William Smith and University of Rochester, the Hamilton women's first varsity eight boat came in third, finishing in 7:03.35 compared to Williams Smith's 6:41.04 and Rochester's 6:56.36. Kelsey Burke '13 was the coxswain, Keara Fenzel '14 was in stroke seat and Jess Pedersen '15 was in the bow. The other members of the boat included Karly Moore '15, Margaret Hylas '15, Caroline Walton '15, Helen Higgins '13, Annie Lindahl '15 and Erin Gerrity '15.

The team was successful in the second varsity eight race, however, with a finishing time of 7:02.45. Williams Smith nearly passed Hamilton with a time of 7:06.40, and Rochester followed in 7:15.47. Heather Piekarz '16 was the coxswain of this winning boat, which also included rowers Hideko Nara '15 (stroke), Rachel Johnson '13 (bow), Fiona Hoffman-Harland '13, Emma Zanazzi '15, Keara Lynn '16, Grace Bowers '15, Ally Kontra '15 and Jess Sofen '16. In the third varsity eight race, William Smith took first in 7:19.24, and Rochester came in second at 7:29.29. Hamilton was third in 7:42.41. The boat included Sydney Cantor (coxswain), Coash (stroke), Meredith Garner '15 (bow), Byers, Rachel Landman '15, Feuerstein, Hannah Zucker '15, Schramm and Margaret Smith '15. The novice boat race included only William Smith and Hamilton. The former won in 7:21.34, which was 13 seconds ahead of Hamilton, whose boat held The boat held Amy Yeun Jae Song '16 (coxswain), Sofen (stroke), Mollie Major '14 (bow), Lynn, Julia Coash '16, Rachel Feuerstein '16, Taylor Healy '15, Nina Byers '16 and Katie Schramm '16. . The Women's Crew team finished in third place.

Head Coach Eric Summers is optimistic for the teams' upcoming regattas. He said, "The lack of water time this spring has really hurt our race preparation and now that the Erie Canal is thawed out, I do expect us to pick up speed over the remainder of our season. We are a young team and our varsity 8's are still sorting themselves out, but I am seeing some good things in practice that will soon translate to our races."

This weekend, on Saturday, April 20, Hamilton will race along the Erie Canal once more against St. Lawrence beginning at 11 a.m The entire Hamilton community is invited and encouraged to come support the teams in their last home regatta of the Spring 2013 season!



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Hamilton women's crew placed second in their first home regatta of the spring season. They take on St. Lawrence on Saturday at the Erie Canal.

Women's rugby takes Lord Jeffs by storm

*from **Rugby**, page 16*

postponed their first game up to the 13th. Still, the rugby ladies would universally agree that the wait was worth it. In a freezing testament to HCWRFC's grit, women's rugby triumphed over Amherst in a 34-5 victory.

The girls were fittingly enthusiastic. Many were pleased to know that HCWRFC remained strong even without its core starting lineup. In the words of Jo Stiles '15, "It was great to see our starting line up play so well without the juniors—it's a young team yet not dependent on the fall starters. Everyone is stepping up to fill positions."

Similarly, less experienced players were ecstatic at the chance to finally partake in an A-side match. (Again, for those of you not well versed in the ways of rugby, A-side merely describes a varsity-level match as opposed to B-side, which refers to a practice game, mostly played by reserve players.) Stephanie Talaia-Murray '16 described Saturday as "the day that I found Christ"—by which she meant that while "it was freezing and cold, it was one of the best experiences of my teenage life." She notes that "playing with A-side [players] was helpful, and they were really communicative."

Hannah "Nike" Nekoroski '15 echoes Stephanie in admitting that "I think we were very surprised by how well we did. I think the team is very strong for the spring season. All our fundamentals were down."

Indeed, the game was a demonstration of strong work ethic and fluidity even as the team adapts to new leadership. Emily "Monty" Kaplan '15 and Hannah "Wags" Wagner '15 lead the backies and packies, respectively. Although the team is "really young this year," Wagner congratulates the girls on playing well and pulling out the win. Kaplan was proud of the way "quite a few girls [stepped] up and [excelled] in new positions and roles on the field. The conditions were obviously unfavorable, but we battled through it, playing just as hard in the first five minutes as the last five (which was one of our goals)." She adds that this game "has definitely boosted our confidence for upcoming games against Colgate, Cornell, and our tournament this weekend in Rhode Island. Most exciting, we have a really young team, so I think the Amherst game is an indicator for great things to come for HCWRFC."

Stiles went on to explain that the game "was great because we don't play Amherst in our regular season, so it was nice to play a new team." She added that "Spring is great because it's not an official season so everyone can play in an A-side game." She noted that although normally the roster is capped at 23 players with a maximum of 8 subs, the spring league allows for rolling substitutes and generous playing time for all.

Going into her last season, Katy Smith '13 extoled her first game after being out for a year due to injury and a semester abroad. "It's like riding a bike," said Smith, "I haven't played in a year and it felt so good." She went on to say that "it's good to have such a big win going into a tournament this coming weekend." Indeed, next Saturday signals the start of regionally revered "Beast of the East," a rugby tournament held in Rhode Island that features a number of strong teams.

Smith acknowledged that the season is bittersweet for her. Nevertheless, she, like the rest of her team, is thrilled by their strong start and will surely savor these last weeks of spring rugby.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HANNAH FERRIS '16

Hannah Ferris '16 pushes past an Amherst player in Saturday's home game.

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April 18, 2013

Hot Saucers soar to new heights

by Ben Fields '15
Sports Editor

Some sports just don't get the recognition they deserve. Hamilton's Ultimate Frisbee team is one of those sports. Founded in 1976 as the "Hamilton Tasmanian Devils," ultimate is still going strong here on the hill. The first incarnation of Hamilton ultimate was very successful, winning the New York State Championship in 1981. The current team, Hamilton Hot Saucers, is once again an ultimate powerhouse on the rise. They spent this past weekend competing in Metro East Division III sectional championships at Saratoga Springs.

Since 2010, the Hamilton women's team travelled to Saratoga Springs to compete in the Division III Metro East sectional championship. Entering the tournament as the number three seed in a field of 16, the Hot Saucers were looking to advance to the Division I regional tournament. The Metro East region is allotted just three slots to advance to this tournament, meaning the Saucers needed a strong weekend to meet their goal.

Although they went into the tournament undefeated, the Hamilton women were looking to have a better time at this tournament than their first tournament of the year. In that tournament, they were forced to play three games in the snow and cold of an upstate New York winter. On April 13 and 14, they were luck to play in considerably better weather.

The tournament was conducted in a pool set, in which the 16 teams were divided into four pools of four teams each. Hamilton was the top seed in a pool featuring Vassar, Ithaca and Wesleyan's B squad. On the first day, they played each of the teams in three back-to-back-to-back games. Although they emerged undefeated from the first day, it was not without tests.

The Saucers cruised to easy victories in their first and third games, with a 13-4 victory over Ithaca College in the first and a 13-2 win over Vassar in their third. The second game of the day presented a challenge in Wesleyan's B squad, but they came out with a solid 9-5 win to advance to the championship bracket.

After pool play, Hamilton moved on to face "Team Rocket" of SUNY-Cortland in a difficult semi-final game. Already having played three games, both sides were tired but both were hungry for a spot in the championship final. The game was a tale of two halves though, as Team Rocket took control of the first half. Going into halftime down 8-6, Hamilton came out of the half with a new-found intensity and focus. "Somehow we come out of half and scored five straight. From that point on we just owned," noted sophomore Deanna Nappi. Finishing a long and difficult day with a semi-final victory was a well need moral boost. "Winning that game after being behind at half was just wonderful," added Nappi.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX ORLOV '13

The Hot Saucers celebrate after going undefeated on the first day of sectional championships in Saratoga Springs.

The Saucers took their momentum into Sunday afternoon's matchup with the College of New Jersey Anarchy. After a dominant performance in Pool D, Anarchy laid waste to SUNY-Oneonta's Love Seat 15-7 in their semi-final. In the end, Anarchy proved too much for the Hot Saucers and the College of New Jersey

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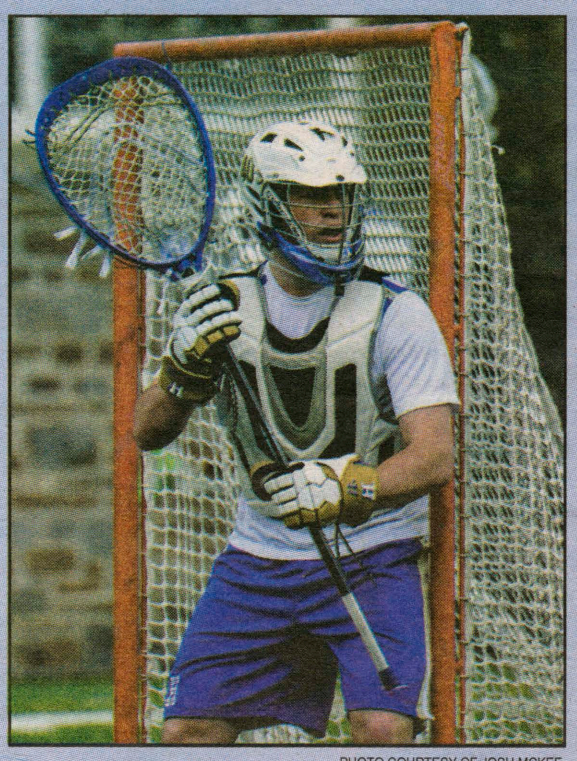
Lax beats Camels and Ephs

by Sirianna Santacrose '15
Sports Editor

Since their game against Skidmore College on April 10, the Hamilton men's lacrosse team has been on a winning streak, beating Conn. College last weekend 5-4 and Williams on Tuesday afternoon 8-7 in an exciting sudden-death overtime period. Now that the team has proven its ability to perform under pressure, all it needs is a win in its last conference game of the regular season against Trinity on Saturday to secure a spot in the NESCAC playoffs.

Last Saturday's game against No. 14-ranked Conn. College broke the Camels' six-game winning streak this season. The Camels scored two goals less than two minutes into the first quarter. Hamilton quickly responded with two quick goals by Pax Anthos '14 off an assist from captain Bryan Hopper '14 and by Nate Menninger '16 off an assist from Matthew Hill '13. Additional goals by Connecticut College's Thomas Woessner '14 and later by Hopper off a pass from Anthos with less than 16 seconds left in the first quarter left the score at an even 3-3. Thanks to a goal by Connor Morgan '15 with 1:45 minutes left in the second quarter, the Conts gained a 4-3 advantage at halftime.



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Goalie Will Driscoll '15 made 15 saves in the Conts' win against the Camels on Saturday.

During the third quarter, Morgan posted the game-winning goal for the Conts, which was his 10th goal of the season. While Conn.'s Chad Sawyer '15 scored with 4:10 left in the third, the Camels were unable to retake the lead. Though the Camels had several shots on goal during the fourth quarter, Will Driscoll '15 made five of his impressive 15 total saves throughout the game. While the Camels gained an extra-man opportunity in the final thirty seconds of the game after the Conts caused a game penalty, the clock ran out with Driscoll's final save,

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Rugby wins at home

by Phoebe Greenwald '16
Sports Writer

It takes true courage to join HCWRFC (or perhaps, some could argue, a dash of idiocy). For any and all non-rugby players out there, that exceedingly long acronym refers to "Hamilton College Women's Rugby Football Club"—that is, the team responsible for arguably the most dangerous activity on campus. If not the most dangerous, then certainty the muddiest.

Hamilton students who have yet to observe a rugby game may be shocked to discover that the sport is as vicious as it sounds. Students who have ventured to Minor Field are likely aware of this and know that while rugby is not a varsity sport, the activity is nevertheless as hardcore as it gets. Tackling, sliding, screaming, falling and becoming inordinately muddy are all essential components of rugby. Games usually result in a number of injuries, from scratches to concussions and even the occasional broken nose.

As terrifying as that may sound, the Hamilton women's rugby team is rarely fazed by injuries of a physical nature. Sticks and stones will break their bones but at the end of the day, nothing matters except the glory of a well-played rugby match.

"I think the Amherst game is an indicator for great things to come for HCWRFC."
—Emily "Monty" Kaplan '15

This past Saturday marked the official start of HCWRFC's spring season. While the girls have been practicing since before spring break, weather conditions

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